

**Attachment 2: Humboldt County Fire Safe Council Member Resignation
and Nomination Letters**



Willow Creek Fire Safe Council



P.O. Box 224, Willow Creek, CA 95573
(707) 499-0767

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January 27, 2020

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
825 Fifth Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Supervisors:

It is with regret that I find I must resign my position as the Willow Creek Fire Safe Council representative with the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council effective February 28th. Due to my current health condition and upcoming corrective surgery which will take at least six month and possibility up to one year for recovery I will be unable to fulfil my obligation as a council member.

At the Willow Creek Fire Safe Council January 2, 2020 board meeting, I informed our council of my decision to resign from the HCFSC and requested that they appoint a replacement. After a brief discussion the WCFCS Board appointed director Tom O’Gorman as my replacement with Joe O’Hara continuing to be the alternate.

Thank you for allowing me to opportunity to serve on the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council with such dedicated and outstanding individuals. Even with my resignation, I will still be serving as a WCFSC council member and be as active as possible to keep our community wildfire safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Barbara Darst", with a long, sweeping underline.

Barbara Darst, Member
Willow Creek Fire Safe Council



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Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Humboldt County Board of Supervisors:

The Willow Creek Fire Safe Council would like to recommend Tom O’Gorman for appointment to the Humboldt Council Fire Safe Council (HCFSC) to replace Barbara Darst who is resigning as representative for the Willow Creek Fire Safe Council (WCFSC) effective February 28, 2020.

Tom O’Gorman has been a long-time resident and business owner here in Willow Creek and has dedicated his life serving our community. He is a Willow Creek Fire Safe Council Director and has served two terms as President.

Tom was on the Board of Directors for the Willow Creek Community Service District for 25 years, during that time he worked with diverse group of community members to narrow the highway and plant trees on the main streets in Willow Creek plus served when the Willow Creek Water Filtration Plant was built.

He is serving a second term on the Klamath Trinity Joint Unified School District Board of Directors, and he also spent ten year’s teaching science lessons at the local elementary school. He spent many years on the Willow Creek Chamber of Commerce and several years as president. Contact information is as follows:

Tom O’Gorman
Trinity River Farm, Hwy 96
P.O. Box 1073
Willow Creek, CA 95573
(530) 629-3327

In addition, we propose that Joe O'Hara remain as Alternate and act in his behalf, if Tom is unable to attend meetings.

Thanks for considering this appointment. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



Donald Darst Sr., President
Willow Creek Fire Safe Council

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Attachment



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Except from the Willow Creek Fire Safe Council Board Meeting of January 2, 2020:

“Humboldt Co. Fire Safe Council Report: At this time HCFSC Director Barbara Darst informed the Board that she would be resigning as the representative for the Willow Creek Fire Safe Council affective February 28, 2020. This is necessary because she will not be able to complete her obligation as a Director due to recent health problems and upcoming surgery with estimated recovery time of 6 months to a year. She has made Cybelle Immitt, HCFSC, aware of her decision. She requested the WCFSC Directors appoint a new Representative along with an alternate. Tom O’Gorman has indicated he would be interested in replacing Darst and Joe O’Hara would stay as alternate. After a brief discussion, Director Ferguson moved to appoint Tom O’Gorman as the new WCFSC representative for the HCFSC Board, with Joe O’Hara as his alternate. Director Pedigo seconded and the motion carried.”

CERTIFICED TO BE A TRUE COPY:

Handwritten signature of Donald Darst.

Donald Darst, President
Willow Creek Fire Safe Council
January 27, 2020

Handwritten signature of Barbara Darst.

Barbara Darst, Secretary
Willow Creek Fire Safe Council
January 27, 2020



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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May 20, 2020

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
825 5th Street
Eureka, CA 95501

Dear Humboldt County Board of Supervisors:

I would like to recommend the addition of a representative from the Humboldt County Planning and Building Department to serve as a voting member on the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council (HCFSC) and I would like to nominate John Miller to be appointed by your Board to fill that new position.

John is a Senior Planner who has worked in the Long Range Planning Division for over 13 years. In this role, John is involved in the preparation and maintenance of the Humboldt County General Plan and Land Use and Development Codes, including Community Plans, the Housing Element, and Local Coastal Plans. Aspects of these long-range plans have a strong nexus with the Humboldt County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). John has been a technical resource for each of the three updates to the CWPP and he has also provided content and review to the Humboldt County Operational Area Hazard Mitigation Plan. John's experience with and knowledge of community planning will bring an important perspective to the work of the HCFSC. After significant losses of homes and lives to wildfire throughout California, current land use policies and practices are under evaluation and John will be able to provide knowledgeable input to that process.

John has also worked extensively to support CWPP implementation initiatives including the goals of supporting fire protection services and maximizing the integration of planning efforts to improve community and ecosystem resilience to wildfire. These initiatives include working with the Humboldt County Fire Chiefs' Association to support the expansion of existing or the creation of new fire related districts to match jurisdictional boundaries with where services are already being provided. John's over 14 years of experience as a volunteer firefighter with the Ferndale Fire Department complements this planning work and brings a unique perspective to the effort.

I believe that John will be an asset to the HCFSC if he is appointed as an official member. This will allow him to more robustly participate in the activities of the HCFSC and continue to support the implementation of the CWPP. John's contact information is as follows:

John P. Miller, Senior Planner
Long Range Planning
Humboldt County Planning & Building
(707) 268-3781
jpmiller@co.humboldt.ca.us

Thanks for considering this appointment. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Michael Richardson, Supervising Planner in consultation with John H. Ford, Director
Planning and Building Department
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